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SUBJECT: REPAIRS TO CHANCERY FACADE

REFERENCE: MOSCOW 8714

1. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS EMBASSY' S DILEMMA. REGIONAL BUREAU IS FULLY COGNIZANT OF DIFFICULTIES EMBASSY HAS WITH NON- NEGOTIABLE POSITION ESTABLISHED BY U. S. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. NEVERTHELESS MAXIMUM EFFORT AGAINST COMPROMISE IS PARAMOUNT TO OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

2. COMMUNICATIONS TO AND FROM THE EMBASSY AND THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THIS SUBJECT HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS AND HAVE EXTENDED OVER A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME. THESE FACTORS AND CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES OCCURRING IN THE INTERIM HAVE RESULTED IN SOME MISUNDERSTANDING BUT THE U. S. POSITION THAT ALL WORK ON THE CENTRAL ROOF AND CENTRAL WING FACADES ABOVE THE SIXTH FLOOR, INCLUDING THE ERECTION OF SCAFFOLDING, WILL BE DONE BY SEABEES AS ENUNCIATED BY MOSCOW 4283 IS UNEQUIVOCAL.

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3. MOSCOW 4283, APRIL 18, 1973, PARAGRAPH 6 G REQUESTED AUTHORITY NEGOTIATE PARA 4 B, C, D, E WITH SOVIETS.

4. STATE 073497, APRIL 19, 1973, AUTHORIZED EMBASSY TO NEGOTIATE AS REQUESTED.

5. MOSCOW 4672, APRIL 25, 1973, NOTIFIED DEPARTMENT THAT EMBASSY HAD PRESENTED ITS POSITION ORALLY AND THAT UPDK OFFICIAL REQUESTED EMBASSY SUBMIT NEW CONDITIONS IN WRITING.

6. DEPARTMENT IS UNAWARE THAT UPDK HAS OFFICIALLY REJECTED EMBASSY'S POSITION IN WRITING. IF SO AND IF UPDK WILL NOT ACCEDE U. S. WISHES EMBASSY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT SEABEE TEAM TO EFFECT EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO FACADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE 090427.

7. THE SECURITY ASPECTS OF THIS PROJECT CANNOT BE UNDERESTIMATED AS EVIDENCED BY THE COMMITMENT OF OTHER AGENCIES TO CONTRIBUTE 200,000 DOLLARS TO PRECLUDE SOVIET ACCESS ABOVE THE SIXTH FLOOR EXCEPT ON THE ROOFS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH WINGS UNDER CLOSE SEABEE SURVEILLANCE. MOSCOW 5370 (SY CHANNEL) SUPPORTS AND EMPHASIZES SECURITY CONCERN.

8. IN ORDER TO UTILIZE FY 73 FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO BRING THIS SUBJECT TO A CONCLUSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT SO THAT THESE FUNDS MAY BE ALLOCATED FOR TRAVEL, PER DIEM, EQUIPMENT AND THE RENTAL OF A BUS IF NECESSARY.

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